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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hirotoshi TAWARA, et al.

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SIR:

☒ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/984,766, filed October 31, 2001, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. Date Filed

☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	2000-335014	November 1, 2000
Japan	2001-031547	February 7, 2001
Japan	2001-114645	April 12, 2001
Japan	2001-114646	April 12, 2001
Japan	2001-315993	October 12, 2001

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

☐ are submitted herewith

☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

☒ were filed in prior application Serial No. 09/984,766 filed October 31, 2001

☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number
Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.

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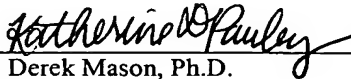
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